First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

May 15, 2022
10:00 am

"Imagine"
5th Sunday of Easter
Mental Health Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CANTANIA**

"Be Still, My Soul" by Jean Sibelius

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **JENN ZIBBELL**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader will introduce Roomie Greeter, **Sue Schuon**, and Zoomie greeter, **Dan Kidder-McQuon**.
  - The Greeters will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - If you are a Roomie, please come to the pulpit/podium to make your announcement or use the handheld microphone offered by the Roomie Greeter so all can hear. Please do the same when offering a prayer request.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Sing to God"
23 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP **JENN ZIBBELL**

Leader: Praise God, all people!

People: Praise God, all creation!

Leader: Whales doing backflips in the air, squid and octopi dancing on the ocean floor.

People: Giant redwoods stretching to the sky, tomato vines cuddling around a stake.

Leader: Mountains blocking the sunrise, moles tunneling through our front lawns.

People: 5-year-olds sitting in a storytime circle, grandparents singing 'their song.'

Leader: Redbuds decorating our backyard, grass growing faster than our children.

People: Seals getting a suntan on the rocks, teenagers knotted together at church.

Leader: Praise God, all creation!

People: Praise God, all people!

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"I Want to Be Ready"
616 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 148** **JENN ZIBBELL**

SECOND READING **Revelation 21:1-6** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Go Forth, O People of God"
614 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Imagine"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone
*Roomies: Please come to the pulpit/podium or use the hand-held microphone so all can hear.

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the dominion, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offertory plate on the table by the door.
Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"In the Garden"** by C. Austin Miles **JOSHUA CANTANIA**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taset and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **JENN ZIBBELL**

You bless us in so many ways and with so many gifts, Loving God. As we praise you, may we offer our gifts so those who have so little may be fed, clothed, healed, restored, and graced. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Song of the Soul"
81 ES

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Let us go now to praise God with our hearts.

People: To see the imagination of God in every moment of creation,
in every person we meet in the days to come.

Leader: Let us go now to praise Jesus in our lives.

People: To bring justice to those who are oppressed,
to bring hope to those who live in despair and worry.

Leader: Let us go now to praise the Spirit with our lips.

People: To speak peace into all the broken places of our communities,
to whisper grace to all those forgotten by the world.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated **JOSHUA CANTANIA**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" (Traditional)

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid (In-person & Zoom) Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Cantania, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern
Jenn Zibbell, Worship Leader
Sue Schuon, Roomie Greeter
Dan Kidder-McQuon, Zoomie Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer
Melanie Harner, Technical Coordinator
Covid Health Advisor, Patty Sherwood

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- **Hymn Profiles:** *The New Century Hymnal Companion.* Pilgrim Press 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship next week: Tad Wysor will preach for us next week. Thank you, Tad, we look forward to your message and sharing your faith and gifts with us. Ivan Harner, Worship Leader; Donna Eyster, Greeter.

Thank you to Donna Eyster for bringing the message and sharing your faith on May 29th.

This week marks the last two sessions in our Lenten/Easter Community Discernment Gatherings:

- **Today: Sunday, May 15--Sidetracks in Ypsilanti from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** in the private dining room (near the back porch) 52 E Cross Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. https://www.sidetrackbarandgrill.com/
- **Tuesday, May 17 –Zoom Only from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** using the church zoom meeting number.

- **We will be wrapping things up by covering Chapter 7 (Pg 133-157): "Engaging Emergence: Are We There Yet?** from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season.*
- **Beginning June 13:** Pastor Liz will be hosting one weekly church-wide Zoom gathering on Monday's from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm for us to engage in the liminal season work described in Chapter 6 (Pgs 113-131) on clarifying congregational "Purpose, Identity, Context, and Values." It will be helpful preparation to re-read Chapter 6 before we will begin this in-depth conversation in order to weave together the key take-aways from both the Sunday and Tuesday book study groups.

Pastor Liz On Vacation May 18 – May 31. Pastor Liz will be on vacation for 2 weeks beginning May 18 through May 31. Look for more information in the next several Sunday bulletins detailing Pastoral Care coverage during this period.

Pastor Liz's Summer Schedule: Except in the event of a Pastoral Emergency, Pastor Liz will be working remotely and leading worship on Zoom May 15 – September 15. Look for more information in the next several Sunday bulletins detailing both non-emergency and emergency Pastoral Care coverage during this period.

Fall Hybrid Worship Kick-Off Sunday: September 18. Combined Zoom and in- person worship will resume in our sanctuary on Sunday, September 18 at 10:00 am.

Fall Pet Blessing Ceremony: September 25 at 2:00 pm: This fun family and pet friendly service will be held outdoors (weather permitting) in the park next to the church. UCC Member in Discernment (MID) and Seminary Intern, Jenn Zibbell, is team leader for this service. Please contact Jenn if you would like to help with planning and hosting. More details will be announced over the summer.

Kroger Fundraiser: Have you registered your Kroger card? We get a small check every quarter for purchases made using your card when it's registered. It's a simple process. Go to Kroger.com and click "**Register**" and follow the prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link tothe **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83262**, or you can find our name in the drop-down list. Any Questions: contact Barbara Garland at bargarland@yahoo.comor 734-662-5803

Exciting news from WeROC: During the month of May, WeROC (Wastenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) Is providing four virtual events to give all of us, and the wider community, the opportunity to learn more about the 4 WeROC initiatives identified as priorities for the coming year. We urge everyone to attend any, or all, of these Webinars to learn more about the impact WeROC is making in our community. WeROC is one of our outreach ministry areas. Details below.

Washtenaw County decision makers will share information and respond to questions from local citizens. The last 2 events will be

- **May 18, 6:30-7:30 – Advancing Equity through the Public Defender's Office with Delphia Simpson, Washtenaw County Public Defender.**
- **May 24, 6:30-7:30 – School Expulsions, State Senator Jeff Irwin & Peri Stone-Palquist, Student Advocacy Center.**

Click here to register. For details on each session, click **here**.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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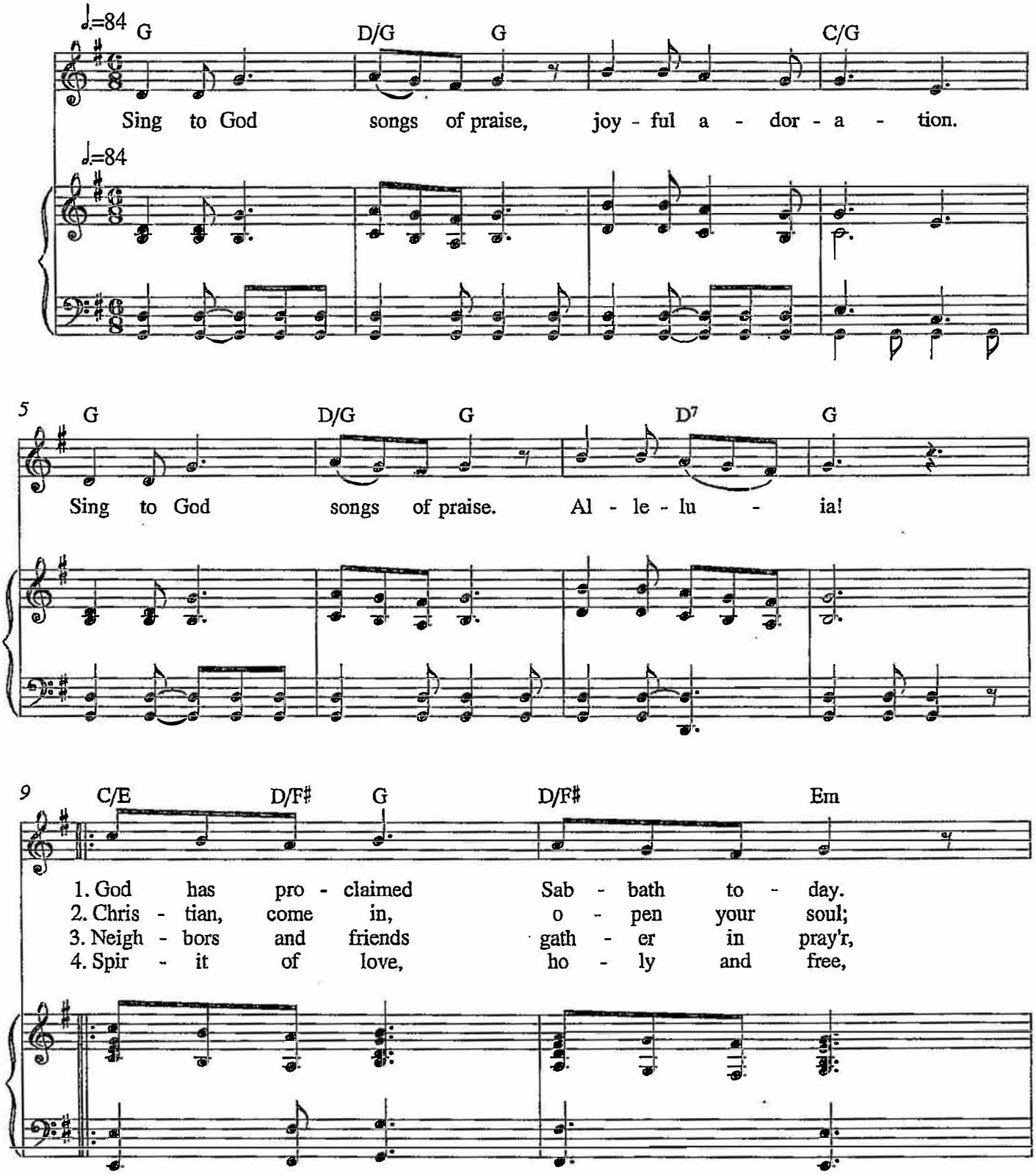
Sing to God



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11 Am7 Gsus2/B Asus2/C♯ D D7 G

Let the friends of Je - sus say: Sing to God
God's pure love can make us whole.
grace to know and faith to share.
fill our hearts as ev - er we:

15 D/G G C/G

songs of praise, joy - ful a - dor - a - tion.

18 G D/G G D7 G

Sing to God songs of praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

I Want to Be Ready

616

African-American spiritual

Rev. 21:1–4, 10–27; John 11:1–44; Acts 2:14, 36–41

Refrain

I want to be read - y, I want to be read - y,

Last time, end

I want to be read - y to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.

Leader *All*

1 Oh, John, oh, John, what do you say?
2 When Mar - tha spoke the Sav - ior's name,
3 When Pe - ter was preach-ing at Pen - te - cost, walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John.
4 When Mar-y asked Je - sus to "come and see,"
5 John said the cit - y was just four-square,

All *to Refrain*

That I'll be there at the com-ing day,
She knew she'd nev - er be the same,
He was en - dowed with the Ho - ly Ghost, walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John.
Her faith gave Laz - a - rus vic - to - ry,
And he de - clared he'd meet me there,

Leader

This African-American spiritual is one of a small number based not on the Hebrew Scriptures but the New Testament, specifically the book of Revelation. Stanzas two and four are additions to the traditional text and include some of the female followers of Jesus.

Tune: I WANT TO BE READY Irr.
African-American spiritual
Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

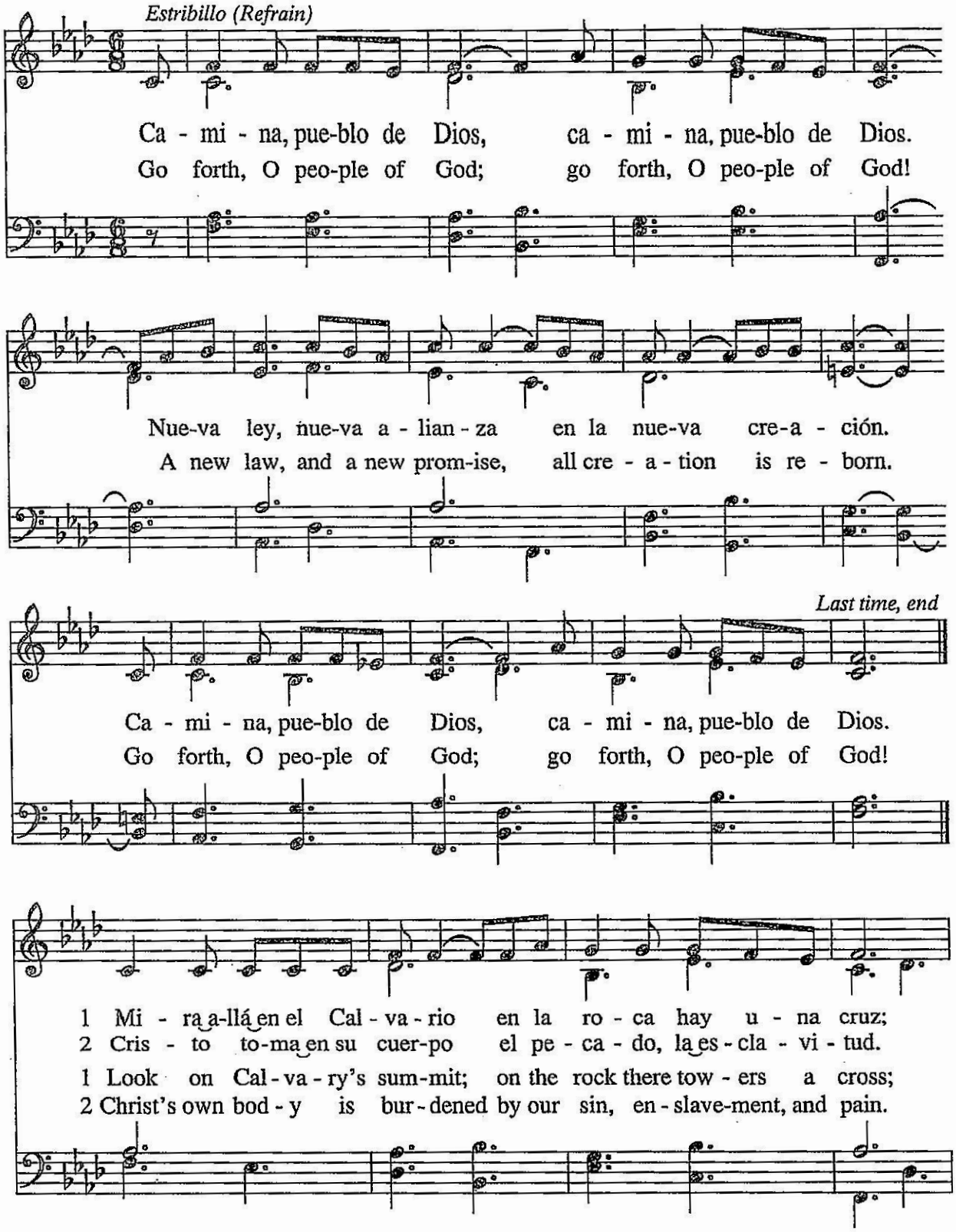
614 Camina, Pueblo de Dios

(Go Forth, O People of God)

Rom. 7:5–8:4; 2 Cor. 5:14–19; Rev. 21:1–7

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979
Transl. George Lockwood, 1987; alt.

Unison
Estribillo (Refrain)



Cesáreo Gabaraín was a Roman Catholic priest who was very active as a congregational composer and head of a liturgical music association. He also served as the Spanish chaplain to Pope Paul VI, and was given the title "emeritus" shortly before his death in 1991.

Tune: NUEVA CREACION 7.8.8.7.D. with refrain
Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979
Harm. Juan Luis García, 1987

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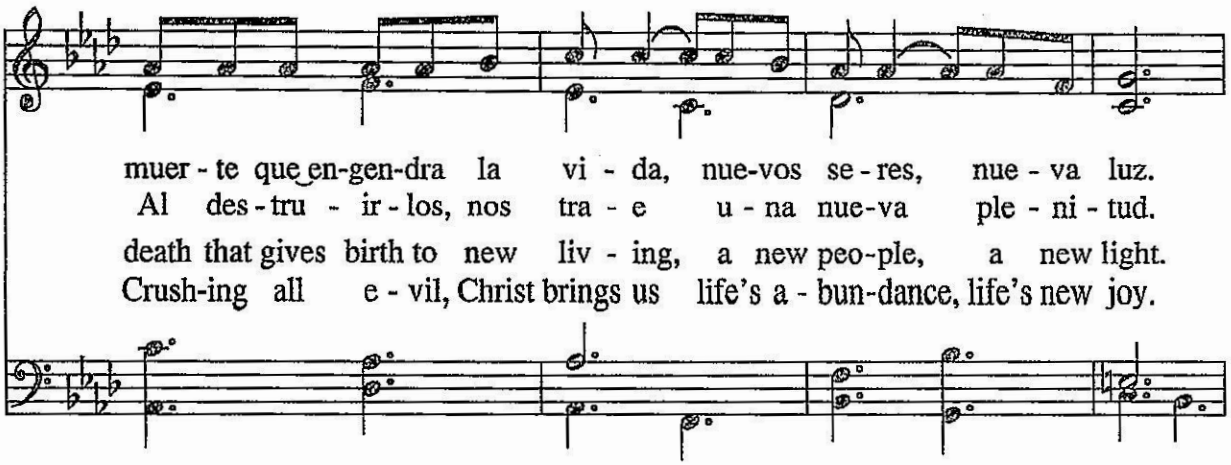

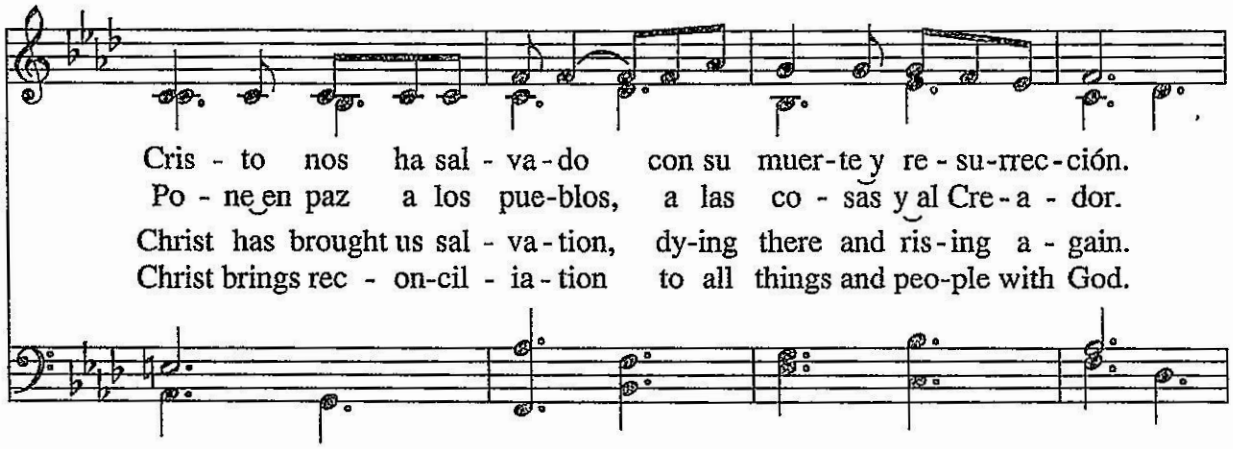

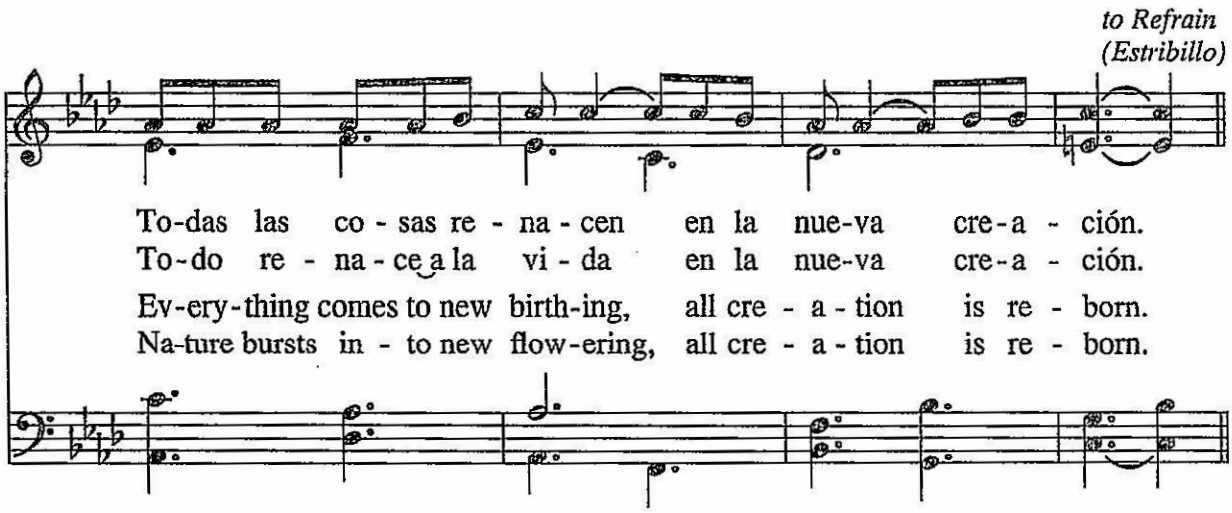

3 Cie-lo y tie-rra se a-bra-zan,
nues-tra al-ma ha-lla el per-dón.
Vuel-ven a a-brir-se los cie-los
pa-ra el mun-do pe-ca-dor.
Is-ra-el pe-re-gri-no,
vi-ve y can-ta tu re-den-ción.
Hay nue-vos mun-dos a-bier-tos
en la nue-va cre-a-ción.
Estribillo

3 Heav-en and earth are em-brac-ing,
and our souls find par-don at last.
Now heav-en's gates are re-o-pened
to the sin-ner, to us all.
This is Is-ra-el's jour-ney;
now we live, sal-va-tion's our song;
Christ's re-sur-rec-tion has freed us.
There are new worlds to ex-plore.
Refrain

Song of the Soul

Words and music by Cris Williamson

G D Am7

1-4 "Love of my life," I am cry - ing; I am not
2. What do you do for your liv - ing? Are you for -
3. Come to your life like a war - rior; Noth - in' will

D Am7 D G

dy - ing: I am danc - ing, danc - ing a - long
giv - ing, giv - ing shel - ter? Fol - low your heart;
bore yer; You can be hap - py. Let in the light;

D Am7 D Am7 D

in the mad - ness; there is no sad - ness, on - ly a
love will find you; truth will un - bind you; Sing out a
it will heal you; And you can feel you Sing out a

G Bm/F# Em D D/A D

song of the soul. chorus And we'll sing this song;
song of the soul.
song of the soul.

D7 D7/E D7/F# G C G Em7 Am

why don't you sing a - long? and we can sing

D D7 C G/B Am G

for a long, long time.

Bm/F# Em D D/A D D7 D7/E D7/F# G

Why don't you sing this song, why don't you sing

C G Em7 Am D

a - long? and we can sing for a long,

D7 G 1-3 Bm Cmaj7 Am D7 G

long time.

Bm Cmaj7 Am7 D7 1. 4 Bm Em7

And we can

Am D D7 C Bm Am G

sing for a long, long time.

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